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THIN GAUGE STEEL SHEET EXCELLENT IN SURFACE

CONDITIONS, FORMABILITY, AND WORKABILITY AND

METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested. The present amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2008.

A petition for an extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action accompanies this amendment.

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